ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0027]   A method and apparatus for finding endpoints in speech by utilizing information contained in speech prosody. Prosody denotes the way speakers modulate the timing, pitch and loudness of phones, words, and phrases to convey certain aspects of meaning; informally, prosody includes what is perceived as the "rhythm" and "melody" of speech. Because speakers use prosody to convey units of speech to listeners, the method and apparatus performs endpoint detection by extracting and interpreting the relevant prosodic properties of speech.